issue instructions to District Magistrates of States regarding selection of beneficiaries on the recommendations of the Members of Parliament from the survey list of people living below the poverty line.

Power Supply in Assam

5213. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been deterioration of power supply position in Assam as a result of some generating units of Assam have been under forced outage for long duration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of renovation and modernisation programme of the generating units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) During April-July, 1996, the energy requirement in Assam was 981.7 million units against which the availability was 864.0 million units which represents a shortage of 12.0%. The following units in Assam are reportedly on long duration outage.

Sl. No.	*Name of the Station*	*Unit No.*	*Capacity (MW)*	*Date of outage*	*Reasons for Outages*
1.	Chandrapur	I	30	14.1.96	Capital maintenance.
2.	Bongaigaon	I	60	23.6.96	Puffing of Furnance
3.	Bongaigaon	II	60	26.7.96	Coal shortage.

(c) The physical progress of Renovation & Modernisation programme of generating units in Assam is as given below :—

		Number of				
Sl. No.	*Name of the Power Station of ASEB*	*Activities Completed*	*Activities under Execution*	*Activities Pending*	*Activities dropped*	*Total Activities required for R&M*
1.	Bongaigaon	15	15	6	4	40
2.	Chandrapur	3	11	3	0	17
3.	Lakwa	3	3	5	0	11
4.	Namrup	14	5	4	0	23
5.	Kathalguri & Goleky	19	0	0	0	19

Generation of Power

[Translation]

5214. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated additional power generating capacity in the country during 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the quantity of power generated by the Central Power Project and the projects under State Governments, separately;

(c) whether the power generation cost of the Central projects is less than the cost of power generation by the projects under State Governments; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the estimated average cost of the power generated by the Central Projects/State-run projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The generation capacity addition programme for the country during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 is 2868.50 MW and 3204 MW (Provisional).

(b) The quantity of power generated from April 1996 to July 1996 by the Central Power Projects and the projects under State Governments is 50313 MUs and 70417 MUs respectively.

(c) and (d) Different categories of projects are not comparable as the cost of generation of power projects depend upon the size of the station, type of fuel, location of the project, source of fuel date of completion of the project etc.

OBC Candidates

5215. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of OBC employees under various categories in the various ministries during the year 1995-96 are not according to the recommendations of the Mandal Commission;

(b) if so, whether some departments have kept the reserved posts vacant in violation of the Union Government's instruction in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) The instructions issued in